

### Seven Pacific Minesweepers To Sail for Western Pacific

Five Long Beach-based ocean minesweepers plus the Navy's two newest coastal minesweepers will sail to the Western Pacific July 2 to join the "ready" Seventh Fleet.

The Republic of China ocean tug Ta Such, presented to that country under the military assistance program, will sail along with the Pacific Mine Force ships as far as Guam before proceeding independently to Keelung, Taiwan.

The five ocean minesweepers, USS Constant, Energy, Pivot, Pluck, Advance, and the coastal sweeps, USS Albatross and Gannet, will depart from Pier Nine, Long Beach Naval Station, at 10 a.m.

Stops at Pearl Harbor, Midway Island, Guam and Subic Bay, Philippines, will follow during the month-long voyage. Senior officer in command will be Commander M. R. Massie, USN,

commander Mine Division 92.

Two divisions of ocean-going minesweepers are presently on duty in the Western Pacific. The five ocean sweeps of Mine Division 92 will be relieving one of the "duty" divisions at Subic Bay.

USS Albatross and Gannet, first examples of a completely new class of Navy minesweepers, are going to a new homeport at Sasebo, Japan, where they will become units of Mine Flotilla One of the Pacific Mine Force in the Far East.

Minesweepers of Pacific Mine Force headquartered at Terminal Island, operate throughout the Pacific Ocean area with the best in minesweeping and detection gear. Their job is to keep the sealanes clear of destructive mines and maintain the Navy's access to strategic waterways of the Pacific.



**GAVEL GETTER** — Robert D. Moudy, president of BMW Mfg. Co. in Torrance, discusses his new office as president of the Southern California Tool and Die Association with his immediate predecessor, R. E. King. Moudy was installed at a meeting last week.

### Warns Against Savings Bonds Use in Chain Letter Schemes

The Treasury Department today cautioned the public against the current rash of a "chain letter" scheme which uses Savings Bonds as bait to lure participants.

"The scheme is not only illegal, but makes flagrant misuse of Savings Bonds," W. C. Eller, state savings bonds director, said.

"For more than 21 years, these bonds have been recognized as an absolutely safe investment, free from elements of risk because the principal and interest are fully guaranteed by our government. However, these schemes for acquiring Savings Bonds for nothing are indeed a risky gamble," Eller said.

He said that experience with endless chain schemes over a period of many years is that most participants lose their entire investment. This outcome is inevitable because the supply of interested persons is soon exhausted. The greater the amount to be invested, the sooner the saturation point is reached.

### 245 Attending Ranger Camps

Attending Woodcraft Ranger camps this week are 245 boys and girls. The Lake Arrowhead camp is hosting 135 boys while 110 girls are attending the first session at the Rangers' Stanley Ranch camp.

Ranger officials announced that more than 1,200 reservations have been made for youngsters to attend Woodcraft Ranger camps during the nine-week season. Space for an additional 500 youngsters is still available.

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### Red Cross Blood Program Truly Appreciated by Thompson Family

The value of the Red Cross blood program is truly appreciated by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Thompson, 22142 Nicole, whose 10-year-old son, Lynn Alan, will undergo open heart surgery Tuesday.

When the youngster's forthcoming surgery was scheduled at UCLA Medical Center, the Thompsons were told that approximately 22 pints of blood would be required to prime the mechanical device that does the breathing and circulates the patient's blood during such an operation.

As it does in all open heart surgery cases scheduled in Los Angeles County, Red Cross agreed to provide the blood.

Because blood used for open heart surgery must be of the same type as the patient's and has to be drawn within 24 hours of the operation, Red Cross has already begun its work.

At the regional blood center where more than 2,000,000 names of past donors are on file, volunteers are checking for individuals with A-Negative blood.

These people are called, told of young Lynn Alan's urgent need for blood and ask to help.

Donors able to give will come to the center Monday where the blood will be drawn in bottles containing a special solution. Then it will be delivered to the hospital in time for the operation.

Unheard of five years ago, open heart surgery now has become common and demands that Red Cross provide 12,000 pints of blood annually for some 600 heart operations.

With backlogs of patients awaiting needed surgery as soon as the blood can be provided, the Thompsons were anxious to do their part in seeing that what their son will use is replaced to the Red Cross stockpile.

Although charged with no replacement responsibility, the Thompsons told their friends of the great need for blood used daily to treat the ill and injured as well as for special open heart surgeries.

Mrs. Thompson says many of their acquaintances have already given in behalf of young Lynn Alan.

The remainder of the blood will be provided by employees of Metlox Manufacturing Company, Manhattan Beach, where Mrs. Thompson was formerly employed.

They have made more than 30 appointments to donate blood when the Red Cross mobile unit makes its visit to Redondo Beach Tuesday.

"We do appreciate the interest and thoughtfulness of all those who are giving blood—for no matter in what way one's blood is used, you can be sure it is helping the ill and injured. And who

knows—some day you may be on the other side, receiving the miracle aid of blood as my son will be doing," states the grateful mother.

Lynn Alan, who will be a fifth grader at St. Philomena School this fall, is looking forward to increased activity that will result once the blockage in his aorta valve is corrected.

His congenital defect was first discovered eight years ago.

### Joey Bishop to Headline Show

On July 3, Long Beach Naval Station theater will be the onstage location for Joey Bishop and Denise Darcel to strut their stuff. Funnyman Joey and co. La Denise will entertain white hats and officer with their brand of talented song, dance and humor.

Show has been arranged by the Special Services Department as the first in a series of top name entertainment programs for personnel of the Naval Station and fleet personnel homeported in Long Beach. A percentage of the proceeds from this and future shows will go to help support Navy Relief Society and other worthwhile charities.

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